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SUBJECT: CSCE IMPLEMENTATION: ITALIAN INQUIRY ON
BREZHNEV PROPOSAL

REF: ROME 2812 PASEP TO USNATO

1. IN REPLY TO ITALIAN INQUIRY REPORTED REFTTEL, YOU MAY
INFORM ITALIANS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE
SPECIFIC INFORMATION THUS FAR ON BREZHNEV PROPOSALS FOR
EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION AND THE
ENVIRONMENT, AND WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION
BEFOCE TAKING A POSITION ON ESIRAABILITY OF SUCH
MEETINGS. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNWONG VIEWS
OF OUR NATO ALLIES ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WILL LOOK FORWARD
TO RECEIVING A REPORT EF EC-NINE EXPERTS DISCUSSION. WE
FORESEE DISCUSSION OF THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF
IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES DURING EXPERTS DISCUSSIONS AT
NAT DURING WEEK OF MARCH 15. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE
THAT, IF SOVEITS INTEND BREZHNEV PROPOSAL AS A FORM OF
FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS TO CSCE, WE SEE NO REPEAT NO
POSSIBILITY OF FORMAL CSCE DECISION UNTIL BELGRADE
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FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS, WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO

CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MEETINGS IN CSCE FORMAT.
WE ASSUME SOVIETS WILL MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL AT BELGRADE
FOR MEETINGS OF THE KIND MENTIONED BY BREZHNEV, AND
HOPE NATO ALLIES WILL REACH AGREED POSITION ON RESPONSE
BEFORE THAT TIME. WE SHARE ITALIAN CONCERN THAT WESTERN
COUNTRIES NOT BE PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE BY SOVIET
ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CSCE.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO INDICATIONS THAT
SOVIETS ARE THINKING OF DELAYING BELGRADE MEETINGS, AND
WE SEE NO REPEAT NO MECHANISM FOR ALTERING AGREEMENT
TO THESE MEETINGS WHICH IS CONTAINED IN CSCE FINAL ACT.
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